

# Virtualize and automate your development environment for fun and profit

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# Vagrant

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- You should be able to work on a plane





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and deploy to a third

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because normally “enterprise” means slow  
and complex

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can one application contaminate the data of the other?

automate and virtualize

# **distribute**

virtual machine that contains all of the projects dependencies



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app server, database, stubbed external services

**so, what are we actually talking about?**

developer 1

OS: snow leopard  
some db v. 1.02  
app server. v. 9.2.1  
apple java 1.6

developer 2

OS: Windows 7  
some db v 1.03  
app server. v. 9.3.1  
sun java 1.6

production machine

OS: Ubuntu  
“enterprise db”  
“scalable app server”  
openjdk 1.5

script the installation of this machine

virtual linux machine

enterprise db  
enterprise app server  
correct java version

**virtualized environment inside your machine**

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develop using your existing tools

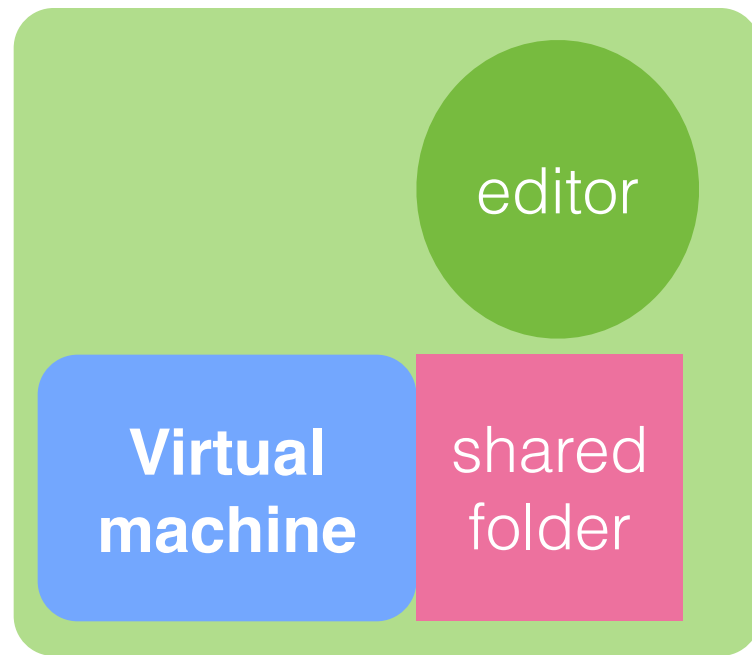
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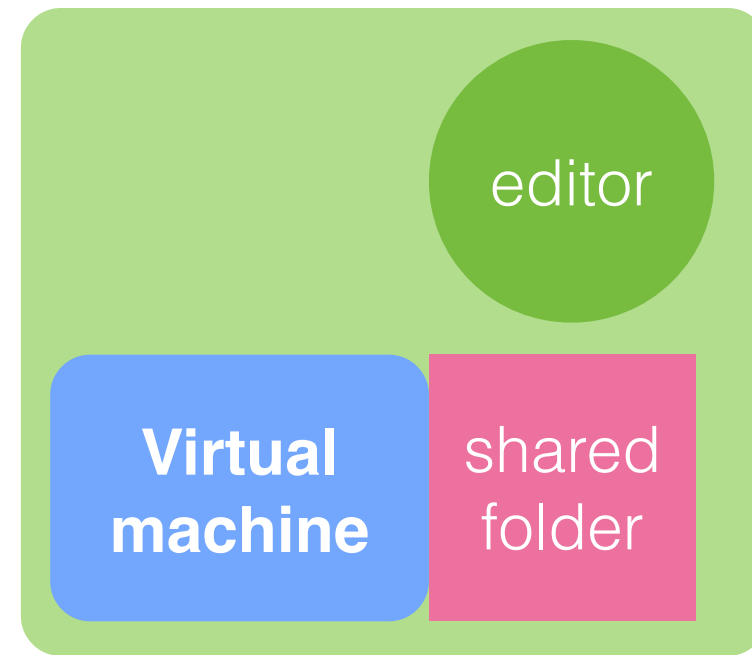
run your code on the virtual machine



developer 1



developer 2



script the setup of this  
machine

production machine

OS: Ubuntu

# vagrant

[vagrantup.com](https://vagrantup.com)



ruby application  
(ruby power)

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**vagrant lets you**

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automate creation  
and provisioning  
of virtual machines



replicate

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and

rebuild

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and

rebuild

instantly!

built on top of rake

easy to extend

create your virtual machine with  
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shut it down with  
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destroy it with  
**\$ vagrant destroy**

and rebuild it instantly with  
**\$ vagrant up**



# easy configuration

```
Vagrant::Config.run do |config|  
  config.vm.box = "base"  
  config.vm.box_url = "http://files.vagrantup.com/lucid32.box"  
end
```

lots of boxes on <http://vagrantbox.es>

# port forwarding

```
Vagrant::Config.run do |config|  
  config.vm.forward_port "http", 80, 8080  
end
```

forwards port 8080 on the host os to port 80 on the vm

# multiple vms

```
Vagrant::Config.run do |config|  
  config.vm.define :web do |web_config|  
    web_config.vm.box = "web"  
    web_config.vm.forward_port("http", 80, 8080)  
  end  
  
  config.vm.define :db do |db_config|  
    db_config.vm.box = "db"  
    db_config.vm.forward_port("db", 3306, 3306)  
  end  
end
```

**provisioning**

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in practice, installing software and configuring  
the machine

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hard to get started

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```
package :git, :provides => :scm do
  description 'Git Distributed Version Control'
  apt "git-core"
  verify do
    has_executable "git"
  end
end
```

find this code on <http://github.com/heim/vagrant-java-example>

# and roll your own provisioner

```
class SprinkleProvisioner < Vagrant::Provisioners::Base
  def prepare

  end

  def provision!
    vm.ssh.execute do |ssh|
      ssh.exec!('gem list | grep "i18n (0.5.0)" ;if [ $? == "1" ]; then sudo gem install i18n --version "0.5.0"; fi;')
      ssh.exec!('gem list | grep "sprinkle (0.3.3)" ;if [ $? == "1" ]; then sudo gem install sprinkle --version "0.3.3"; fi;')
      ssh.exec!("sudo sprinkle -v -c -s /vagrant/sprinkle/install.rb")
    end
  end
end
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**config your provisioner for use with vagrant**



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```
Vagrant::Config.run do |config|  
  config.vm.provision :shell, :path => "test.sh"  
end
```

**but, why?**

**run code on production like environment**

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instant feedback

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catches bugs early

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even before they hit scm



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and you're probably better off using sprinkle

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increase in maintainability

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(this can even be part of your CI-run)



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have a large amount of dependencies, and a complicated  
environment setup



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because its virtualized

**thanks!**

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## **resources:**

<http://vagrantup.com>

<https://github.com/heim/vagrant-java-example>

<https://github.com/crafterm/sprinkle>

<http://vagrantbox.es>



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